

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

- (A) ~~intercepting at least one key code~~ a plurality of key codes;
- (B) ~~determining if the intercepted at least one key code is authorized~~ if said plurality of key codes comprise an authorized key sequence; and
- (C) ~~blocking the intercepted at least one key code if the intercepted at least one key code not authorized;~~ if said intercepted plurality of key codes is unauthorized, blocking at least one of said plurality of intercepted key codes from being transmitted to a higher level driver, and if said intercepted plurality of key codes is authorized, transmitting said plurality of key codes to the higher level driver.

~~wherein said intercepting comprises:~~

~~intercepting a plurality of key codes, and, wherein said determining comprises determining if said plurality of key codes comprise an authorized key sequence.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 further comprising:

- (D) displaying a message if the plurality of intercepted key code is not authorized.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein said determining comprises comparing said intercepted plurality of key codes ~~at least one key code~~ with a table.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 further comprising:

(D) storing said plurality of key codes ~~key code~~ in device state storage if said plurality of key codes ~~key code~~ is authorized.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein said key codes are ~~[[is]]~~ received from an event queue.

7. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein said determining comprises temporarily storing intercepted key codes in a buffer, and comparing at least two of said temporarily stored key codes with a table.

8. (Original) The method of claim 4 comprising:

- (A) displaying a security preference dialog box;
- (B) receiving a password;
- (C) verifying said password;
- (D) receiving a command to select an access level; and,
- (E) modifying said table in response to said received command.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 wherein said intercepting, determining, and blocking occur in a filter layer and including: providing input from a remote terminal which by-passes said filter layer.

10.-12. (Canceled).

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

~~(A) means for intercepting a key code;~~

~~— (B) means for determining if the intercepted key code is authorized, and;~~

~~— (C) means for passing the intercepted key code to a key map if the intercepted key code is authorized.~~

(A) means for intercepting a plurality of key codes;

(B) means for determining if said plurality of key codes comprise an authorized key sequence; and

(C) means for, if said intercepted plurality of key codes is unauthorized, blocking at least one of said plurality of intercepted key codes from being transmitted to a higher level driver, and if said intercepted plurality of key codes is authorized, transmitting said plurality of key codes to the higher level driver.

14. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium storing computer executable instructions that when loaded adapt a computer device to:

- ~~(D) intercept a plurality of key codes, each key code representing at least one keystroke;~~
- ~~(E) determine if said plurality of key codes comprise an authorized sequence; and~~
- ~~(F) block the intercepted plurality of key codes if the plurality of key codes is not authorized.~~

- (A) intercept a plurality of key codes;
- (B) determine if said plurality of key codes comprise an authorized key sequence; and
- (C) if said intercepted plurality of key codes is unauthorized, block at least one of said plurality of intercepted key codes from being transmitted to a higher level driver, and if said intercepted plurality of key codes is authorized, transmit said plurality of key codes to the higher level driver.

15. - 20. (Canceled)